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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: BUECHLER et al.

Title: NOVEL METHODS FOR THE
ASSAY OF TROPONIN I AND T
AND COMPLEXES OF
TROPONIN I AND T AND
SELECTION OF ANTIBODIES
FOR USE IN IMMUNOASSAYS

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2001, made final ("Paper No. 11"),
please consider the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 85, 88, 91, 94, 102, 114, and 119 with the following amended
claims. A marked up version of the amendment is attached hereto as Appendix A.